

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
SPECIAL MEETING
Robert R. Lester Training Center, 3530 N. Martin L. King, OKC, OK 73111
December 10, 2012
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Director Norman McNickle, Dept. of Public Safety,
City of Stillwater
Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Director Stan Florence, O.S.B.I.
Jason O'Neal, BIA
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.
Chief Michael Robinson, O.S.U. DPS
Mr. Ed Smith, East Central University
Sgt. Jason Smith, F.O.P.
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of
Narcotics
Sheriff Bob Wilder, Marshall County

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
Chris Sutterfield, Chief of Operations
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City Police Dept.
Chief Byron Cox, Weatherford Police Dept.
Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Norman McNickle called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Roll was taken; ten members were present representing a quorum.

2. Council Composition

Director Emmons and Director McNickle thanked Sheriff Wilder for his many years of service to Oklahoma law enforcement and to the Council. Council members concurred.

3. Driving Course Settlement

Director Emmons advised members that a settlement had been reached for the repairs needed to the CLEET facility, mainly the driving course. He reported that \$500,000 had been the requested amount but that we would be receiving \$235,000. Director Emmons told members that this money could be used for any facility repairs. The main concern is the drainage issues with the track and skills pad, so the money will be used for that and anything else that is pressing.

Chief Ricks inquired how it was possible to use this for any repairs. Director Emmons responded that the original estimate of ten million dollars was for repairs throughout the facility. He added that the chillers and boilers at CLEET are also in need of costly repairs.

4. CLEET Building Project

Assistant Director Charles Gerhart advised members that the recommendation for the building project is the first alternative. Director McNickle asked who would pay for the server racks. Asst. Director Gerhart reported that initially the Office of State Finance wanted to house their remote servers at CLEET and would be responsible for paying for those, but they are now unable to do that. He reported that CLEET would be housing their servers in the safe room anyway and paying for the racks.

Asst. Director Gerhart also reported that a 25% contingency fee had also been accounted for and that the cost was above reasonable cost estimates. Chief Ricks asked what the maturity dates would be on the new bond. Asst. Director Gerhart responded they would mature in 2027 with the old maturity date being 2025. He also advised this estimate includes money for road and parking lot repairs. The new dorm rooms for adjuncts would have heat pump for each room. Director Florence asked if the previous recommendations made by the subcommittee would still stand. Asst. Director Gerhart replied that they would stand and that an architect now needs to be chosen.

Action Taken: Chief Ricks made a motion to proceed with the recommended alternative. Major Blish seconded the motion. Director McNickle voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director O'Neal voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Mr. Ed Smith voted yes. Sgt. Jason Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Sheriff Wilder voted yes. The motion passed.

5. Bridge Academy

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET has been considering offering reserve officers an alternative academy so that they may gain their full-time certification without attending a whole Basic Academy. They already receive 240 hours of training at the Reserve Academy, so the "bridge" academy would be 360 hours. Director Emmons reported that he believed there would be support across the state for this and it could be a potential cost benefit to CLEET. Approximately one-third of Basic Academy students already have reserve certification, so this could lighten the load on CLEET staff with smaller Basic classes. He advised that there is still a lot of research to be done and that there are concerns with the Reserve Academies quality, but the "bridge" class would be a way to get them up to the level of training of the Basic Academy.

Several Council members expressed their support for this idea.

Director Emmons advised this would require a legislative change.

Action Taken: Sgt. Jason Smith made a motion to move forward with the bridge academy legislation during the upcoming legislative season with an effective date of January 1, 2014, if the bill is passed. Mr. Ed Smith seconded the motion. Director McNickle voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director O'Neal voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Mr. Ed Smith voted yes. Sgt. Jason Smith voted yes. Director

Weaver voted yes. Sheriff Wilder voted yes. The motion passed.

6. Change to Reciprocity Course

Director Emmons reported to members that CLEET would like to make changes to the reciprocity course hours to make it equal to the refresher course since the classes run together. He advised that there are also some concerns about making the Oklahoma peace officers do more hours than the out of state reciprocity students. The refresher course is mandated while the reciprocity is more flexible. Director Emmons then handed out a reciprocity/refresher course schedule (Attachment A). He directed members' attention to the fact that reciprocity students only receive a legal update while the refresher students attend the legal update as well as classes that are specific to Oklahoma law enforcement issues and that it would be beneficial for reciprocity students to attend those classes as well. Reciprocity students also do not get the opportunity to go to the firing range as the refresher students do.

A general discussion was then had by all members regarding the curriculum and whether or not the changes would be worth taking to the legislature.

Assistant Director Gerhart pointed out that CLEET General Counsel James Wilson struggles to get everything done for the legal update in one week. With this change, the classes could be more spread out and students would receive better quality training.

Director Emmons suggested finding a middle ground as far as the number of hours being taught. Chief Ricks suggested CLEET design the appropriate curriculum.

Chris Sutterfield, CLEET Chief of Operations, suggested running the class Tuesday through Friday with ten hour days, similar to the Basic Academy. He advised this would be easier on Academy staff that teaches the reciprocity/refresher course. He also suggested changing the language in the statute that the class is "not to exceed 100 hours."

Director Weaver pointed out that CLEET should be working toward providing more training, not taking away hours. Chief Ricks responded that if the language says "not to exceed 100 hours" then no time is lost and CLEET could design the program to be the best for all.

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to move forward with the recommended changes to legislation related to reciprocity. Major Blish seconded the motion. Director McNickle voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director O'Neal voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Mr. Ed Smith voted yes. Sgt. Jason Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Sheriff Wilder voted yes. The motion passed.

7. Director's Report

Director Emmons provided members with a copy of CLEET's Summary for Governor's Cabinet Meeting (Attachment B) that was submitted to Public Safety Commissioner Michael C. Thompson.

Director Emmons advised that Senator Shortey would be carrying the bounty hunter bill again. He also reported that CLEET would be requesting legislative changes that would allow all funds from private security licenses to be deposited in CLEET's revolving fund, which would

make the Private Security Division self-sufficient. This is being requested as CLEET will be asking for additional funding for the division from the legislature.

Director Emmons then reported that OACP wants the new chief school to be enforced by CLEET. Director McNickle reported this was an attempt to make the chief school statute mirror the new sheriff school statute. If they do not attend the school they are not allowed to hold office.

Director Emmons then elaborated on the legislation requesting officers update within ten days of a change of address and for agencies to report to CLEET a complete roster of officers each year. This is due to the large amount of returned mail and the few field reps CLEET employs to track people down.

There was then a general discussion on the difficulties of getting all the training entered for officers each year and the multiple issues associated with this.

8. **Adjournment**

Action Taken: Sheriff Bob Wilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Director McNickle voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director O'Neal voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Mr. Ed Smith voted yes. Sgt. Jason Smith voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. Sheriff Wilder voted yes. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.